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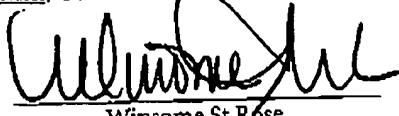
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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
DETECTING CERTAIN FLAVIVIRUSES,
INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE
ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS SEROGROUP

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (hereinafter, Action) mailed June 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated herein. In addition, please reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks below. A request for an extension of time of 3 months for responding to the Office Action is made herewith.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.